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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CHINA, SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS, AFGHANISTAN; NEW DELHI.

This countrywide cable reports on relevant media
reaction/opinion from India's large non-English press.
The Mission reports on English-language media via email
through the daily "Early Edition" summary.

CHINA

11. "HOW LONG INDIA CAN KEEP QUIET?" commentary in
January 28 centrist Hindi daily, NAI DUNIYA: "China's
nationalistic zeal and territorial ambitions are
proving to be India's bane. U.S. is aware of this, but
is scared of China's aggressive nationalism. India
should be extra vigilant on its borders. Analysts are
warning that China is trying to shrink the Himalayan
borders. How long will India keep mum?"

12. "NEW KIND OF PROXY WAR," op-ed in January 28 right-
of-center Hindi daily, DAINIK JAGRAN: "India has been a
victim of proxy wars before. Of late, however, a new
phenomenon stares India in the face - China's cyber
proxy war. China is a known cyber delinquent. Just last
week, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton warned
China on cyber censorship, and her tone was tough. An
absence of a strong reaction to China has rendered
India a poor, helpless nation. India has to wake up and
tighten its cyber laws to guard against China."

SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

¶3. "PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN SRI LANKA," editorial in January 28 right-of-center Urdu daily MUNSIF: "The Presidential elections in Sri Lanka were held without LTTE for the first time. It will, therefore, be easy for the newly elected President to achieve its goals. Keeping aside the horrible story of death and destruction, the new President should devote himself for creating amity and congeniality between Tamils and Sinhalese so that their feeling of deprivation is carted off, enabling them to include themselves in the national mainstream."

AFGHANISTAN

¶4. "MAJOR ROLE OF INDIA IN AFGHANISTAN," editorial in January 28 right-of-center Urdu daily SIASAT: "Major countries want to make NATO strategy in Afghanistan a success through India. They want to enfeeble Pakistan's support to Taliban by giving a strong role to India. India has a strong bilateral relation with Afghanistan. It is busy day and night to provide every possible relief to the Afghan people. That is why Afghan people are intending to give India a greater role in the reconstruction of their motherland."

¶5. "AFGHANISTAN AND ITS NEIGHBORS," editorial in

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January 29 right-of-center Urdu daily HINDUSTAN EXPRESS: "Neither peace and stability can be restored in Afghanistan nor the neighboring countries can breathe a sigh of relief until and unless Russia, Iran, Pakistan, India and China give their cordial support to Afghanistan. But to achieve this goal, America and Britain will have to bring changes in their policies and priorities. If America wants to save its goodwill by jostling the neighboring countries into the Afghanistan quagmire, the one which is most vulnerable is a country none other than India. Our leaders should therefore, be careful, and avoid any golden net."
ROEMER